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For: APPLIANCE FOR WATER-JET SURGERY

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-24, and the Advisory Action dated February 2, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.